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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: SENATE HEARINGS ON LOCKHEED

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN. (NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED IN NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 4). A SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 4 SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
2. QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE (SENATE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION SUBCOMMITTEE) HEARINGS CONCERNING LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NO COMMENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON MATTERS OF THIS SORT WERE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT LAST SPRING.

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QUESTION: WAS THE DEPARTMENT IN TOUCH WITH THE SUB-

COMMITTEE AT ANY STAGE OF ITS INVESTIGATION?

ANSWER: MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN IN INFORMAL
CONTACT WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS STAFF.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT CONCERNING AMBASSADOR
HODGSON'S PAST CONNECTION WITH
LOCKHEED?

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS
MAKE CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR HODGSON WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED
IN THIS MATTER.

QUESTION: WAS THE EMBASSY AWARE OF LOCKHEED'S ACTIVITIES?

ANSWER: NO INGERSOLL

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